

Meeting called to order at 5:00 P.M.

President Wendell Dompier opened the meeting.

Present at Roll Call: Jeannine Mayo, Tony Cerroni, Tim Olson, Sandy Johnson, Scott Koski and Wendell Dompier

Absent: Paul Stark

Also Present: LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager
Diane Mayo, Village Clerk
Irvin Smith, Chief of Police
A. Keranen, U.P. Engineers & Architects

Motion made by J. Mayo seconded by S. Johnson to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on March 14, 2023 and the minutes of the Special Council Meeting on March 21, 2023.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

A Life Saving Award was presented to James D. Denomie, Chief of Police, Irvin Smith, and Tribal Police Officers, Durwyn Chaudier and Mark Smith. They were responsible for saving the lives of Michael Markham, Sr. and James Hoke. Mr. Markham and Mr. Hoke were stranded on the ice on Lake Superior. Mark Smith accepted the award on behalf of Durwyn Chaudier as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the proposed Sewer System Improvement Project opened at 5:03 P.M. on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

A. Keranen, U.P. Engineers & Architects, was present to discuss a grant application for the Village of Baraga which would need to be submitted by May 1, 2023 for sewer system improvements. The Village would qualify for a 100% grant due to it having a significantly burdened status according to the grant requirements. However, it is a very competitive grant. Selected applicants would be announced on October 1, 2023.

The proposed project would be for the removal and replacement of aged and failing sewer infrastructure within the Village of Baraga sewer system. Project construction will include repair and replacement of old and deteriorated sanitary sewer mains, manholes, main lift station pumps, mechanical screen for main lift station, miscellaneous lift station and force main improvements, and replacement of lagoon baffle curtain at the treatment facility. Impacts of the proposed project include the increased reliability of the sewer system. The projected cost is estimated at \$4,500,000.00.

Public Comment: None

The Public Hearing for the proposed Sewer System Improvement Project closed at 5:13 P.M. on Thursday, at April 13, 2023.

Baraga Village Fire Chief, Jeff Mayo, was present to discuss \$50,000.00 in county monies contributed to the fire department. He would like to purchase a rescue boat for the fire department. W. Dompier stated he would rather see the money used for the new fire truck or an air boat. J. Mayo stated that an air boat would probably cost about \$180,000.00. W. Dompier stated that Baraga Township, Baraga County and the Village of Baraga should split the cost if an air boat was purchased. He also wants to know more about the requirements for operation of a boat. T. Cerroni stated that although he is not against the purchase of a boat, we need to keep in mind that the Sheriff's Department has one and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has two rescue boats. The purchase was tabled until more information could be received.

It was discovered that Northern Orthotics sits on a piece of land that should have been vacated a number of years ago.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by T. Olson to approve Resolution 2023-04-13-01 which would decertify/vacate a portion of Keweenaw Street. The decertification/vacation of Keweenaw Street is located between Bowling Street and South Superior Avenue for a total decertification length of 218 feet.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by T. Cerroni to approve Resolution 2023-04-13-02 which is a resolution adopting a Final Project Planning Document for the Waste Water Systems Improvements and designating LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager, as the authorized Project Representative.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

The Police report was given by I. Smith, Chief of Police. I. Smith attended Legal Update Training on March 24, 2023 at the Baraga Lakeside Inn. Twenty four complaints were received in the month of March with no arrests being made. Three Hundred Sixty property checks were completed. W. Dompier stated it is time to start taking action on junk vehicles again.

LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager, presented the Manager's Report. Bid opening will be held on May 3, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. for the three street projects for the Category B Grant. A preconstruction meeting will be held on April 24, 2023 for Phase 2 of the Walking Trail. Groundbreaking will be held on June 1, 2023. L. LeClaire and Cherie Koski, Office Manager, had a meeting on the new billing system. The new billing system should be implemented in September, 2023.

LeAnn LeClaire, Village Manager, gave the DPW Report. The crew has been busy plowing snow, street sweeping, and also working on and repairing equipment. The new skid steer and the attachments have arrived. The skid pier has been placed at the marina for launching.

LeAnn LeClaire stated that only one bid was received for the replacement of the council chambers door

and two new front doors for the entrance way.

Motion made by T. Olson seconded by J. Mayo to approve the bid in the amount of \$5,940.20 from Copper Construction Company for the replacement of the council chambers door and two new front doors for the entrance way.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Motion made by T. Cerroni seconded by J. Mayo to pay the bills when the monies become available.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried

Motion made by S. Johnson seconded by J. Mayo to adjourn.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: P. Stark

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned on April 13, 2023 at 5:52 P.M.

Submitted by Diane Mayo, Village Clerk

